

MEDIA RELEASE

22nd Belmont Small Business Awards Launch!

The 22nd annual Belmont Small Business Awards will launch on Wednesday 22nd April, 6pm-8pm at the City of Belmont Civic Centre.

The Belmont Small Business awards are coordinated by the Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (Belmont BEC). The Belmont BEC is a not-for-profit community based organisation that was established, in 1994, to assist in the growth and development of small business. Over the years it has originated a large range of well-known projects and programs for the benefit of its small business clients that have included the annual Belmont Small Business Awards, Designedge Innovation Festival, TCF Resource Centre WA, Multicultural Business Support Services, WA Racing Industry Project, Belmont Clothes Library and the BPW Business Incubator Online Project. The Belmont BEC provides low cost training & mentoring for small businesses in Belmont, Perth Metro, WA and across Australia via online webinars, one to one mentoring and a range of networking events.

Belmont BEC CEO Carol Hanlon said “The Awards are open to small businesses both within the Belmont area, Perth Metro and statewide. This is the 22nd year we have held our Small Business Awards, and I’d like to thank all of our valued sponsors – as we couldn’t host the event without them.”

The Awards will open for small businesses across Western Australia from the 22nd of April until 5pm Tuesday 22nd September, 2015. The Awards provide recognition and encouragement for small business achievements.

This year's awards include over 20 categories for entrants to consider such as

- Young Entrepreneur Award
- Indigenous Business of the Year
- Business Woman of the Year
- Best Retail Business Award
- Online Business Award
- WA Racing Industry Award
- Enterprise of the Year
- Fashion Industry Award
- Most Innovative Enterprise
- Energy Efficiency Award
- Most Creative Award
- Business Migrant of the Year
- Best New Business Award
- Customer Service Award
- Spirit of Australia Award
- Volunteer of the Year
- Best Marketing Award
- Inspiration Award
- Community Spirit Award
- Business Person of the Year
- International Trade Award
- Environment Award

The event will also include the official launch of 2015 Designedge innovation festival (celebrating its 11th year).

Major sponsors of this year's awards include City of Belmont, Belmont Business Enterprise Centre Inc. (Belmont BEC) and Textile, Clothing, Footwear Resource Centre WA Inc. (TCFWA). 2015 Supporting Sponsors include Perth Airport, Belmont Forum, Telstra Business Centre Belmont, Euroz Securities Limited, Business News, Hanssen Project Management, The Australian Asian Association of WA Inc., Southern Gazette, Watering Concepts, Westways Visual Communication, Worldwide Printing Solutions, Racebreed Australia, Website Designs, Computer Consultant Professionals designedge Fashion Incubator,

Business & Professional Women WA, Friends of Belmont BEC, BPW Business Incubator, BEC Global, TCF Australia ONLINE ENERGY EFFICIENCY Project.

Businesses wishing to enter the awards can access Free Information Sessions on 'How to Prepare Award Submissions', Free Award Entry Kits and Submission Mentors are available on an hourly basis. Email Belmont BEC at awards@belmontbec.com or phone 9479 3777 to arrange assistance with your entry.

The final "Night of Stars" event when the winners will be announced will be held Thursday October 22nd 2015 in the Ballroom of the Perth Exhibition and Convention Centre. For more information contact events@belmontbec.com or view www.belmontbec.com/awards

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